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SUBJECT: R/V IDA GREEN CLEARANCE REQUEST, APRIL 20 -
MAY 10 AND JUNE 17-29, 1978

1. R/V IDA GREEN, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE
INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE
CARIBBEAN SEA OFF THE COASTS OF MEXICO AND PANAMA. THE
RESEARCH IS BEING FUNDED BY SEVERAL MAJOR OIL COMPANIES
AND IT IS BEING CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO AND PEMEX. IT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN
TWO LEGS: LEG I (APRIL 20-MAY 10, 1978) AND LEG II
(JUNE 17-JUNE 29, 1978). THE OBJECTIVE IS TO CONDUCT
GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH CRUISES TO ACQUIRE SEISMIC, MAGNETIC,
AND GRAVITY DATA IN ORDER TO STUDY THE DEEP SEDIMENTARY
FILL AND OCEANIC CRUST. FROM THESE AND EXISTING DATA IT
IS ANTICIPATED THAT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL BE
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OBTAINED TO PERMIT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE TECTONIC
FRAMEWORK OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN WHICH WILL GREATLY
ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF ITS ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION.

2. COMMON-DEPTH-POINT SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILES AND
WIDE ANGLE REFLECTION AND REFRACTION PROFILES WILL BE
CONDUCTED AS WELL AS MAGNETOMETER AND GRAVITY TOWS. A

48-CHANNEL COMMON-DEPTH-POINT SEISMIC ANALYZING SYSTEM
WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCEAN BOTTOM SEISMO-
METERS.

3. THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IS DR. J. LAMAR WORZEL,
DIRECTOR OF THE MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE. TWO BERTHS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOST COUNTRY PARTICIPATION AND ALL DATA
RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED.

4. SHIP'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

GALVESTON, TEXAS - APRIL 20
CANAL ZONE - MAY 10
CANAL ZONE - JUNE 17
GALVESTON - JUNE 29

A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING PLOTTED WHICH DEPICTS THE TWO
LEGS OF THE CRUISE. PORT CALLS WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE
SHIP'S AGENT.

5. R/V IDA GREEN IS 198 GROSS TONS, 129 FT. LONG, AND
HAS A 10 FT. DRAFT. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS OTIS MURRAY WITH
A CREW OF 7 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 10. RADIO CALL SIGN
IS WV 2229 AND SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

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6. ACTION: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION
FOR R/V IDA GREEN TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
IN MEXICAN AND PANAMANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING
PERIODS GIVEN IN PARA 1. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF
APPROVAL, WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO SHIP PRIOR TO DEPARTURE,
IS REQUESTED. VANCE

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